the Chief Justice of the High Courts, from time to time, requesting them to locate persons from the Bar belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, Other Backward Classes, minorities and amongst women who are suitable for appointment as High Court Judges.

Irregularities in revision of electoral rolls

†56. SHRI JAI PARKASH AGGARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) whether any complaints have been received regarding irregularities in electoral rolls;

(b) if so, the number of names deleted from the electoral rolls during the last two revisions in each State;

(c) the number of persons whose applications have been rejected with regard to voter identity cards; and

(d) the reason therefor?

THE MINISTER OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI H.R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) The Election Commission of India has intimated that there is no centralized system of maintaining the individual records of complaints and disposal thereof at the Commission level. The Electoral Registration Officers at district and/or sub-division level, are statutory authorities responsible for maintenance and updation of electoral rolls. Complaints are received and acted upon by them on the basis of the guidelines issued by the Commission. Besides Electoral Registration Officer, the complaints can also be recieved at the level of District Election Officers and Chief Electoral Officer. These complaints too are sent to the Electoral Registration Officer for taking appropriate action.

(c) and (d) Voter I-Card is issued to a person whose name is registered in the electoral roll in force by the Electoral Registration Officer. The electors are not required to file any application for the same.

National Policy and Action Plan for computerisation of Courts

57. SHR K. E. ISMAIL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.

(a) whether it is a fact that the Prime Minister had announced a National Policy and Action Plan in October, 2005 for total computerisation of Courts all over the country to help provide speedy, qualitative and cost-effective justice;

(b) if so, the salient features of the plan; and

(c) to what extent it has been implemented in various Courts in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW AND JUSTICE (SHRI K. VENKATAPATHY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) A scheme for computerisation of District and Subordinate Courts, prepared in accordance with the National Policy and Action Plan has been approved by the Government on 8th February, 2007. The salient features of the Action Plan cover application and implementation of Information and Communication Technology in the Judicial System in a phased manner involving computerisation of all district and subordinate courts in the country and upgradation of facilities of the superior courts and electronic networking of the lowest court with the highest court. Government has already computerized the city courts in the four metropolitan cities and State capitals or in cities where the principal seat of the High Court is located.

Honorarium paid to Government Counsels

58. SHRI DHARAM PAL SABHARWAL: Will the Minister of LAW AND JUSTICE be pleased to state:

(a) the rate of Government honorarium being given to Government Counsels in Supreme Court, High Courts and District Courts;

(b) when was the last rate of honorarium/fees to Government Counsel was revised;

(c) whether Government are planning to hike and revise the rate of honorarium to Government Counsels;

(d) if so, by when; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?